

WHEN THE "ONLY CHILD" IS A GIRL.

chair with a contented sigh.

"How quick you dressed!" exyeears older. years older.

brothers and sisters as I have, they're participate. always borrowing your things and noand key."

"Oh, they're nice, but they're an no outlet for emotion.

"Do as I like," repeated the other, that other girls and boys have, "There's another mistaken idea about "I don't know what it is to be hoss- to you, and I see you are surprised, Freeborn to give the woods another

who were one of a large family. They one. have more real independence than . "As I grow older, it is worse. For fill a woman's life. And when my any girl who is the only one in the my parents grow older too, and de- parents made me the only child they household. The 'only child' who is a pend upon me more. Sometimes I didn't give me a square deal. It is however. While their main body lay boy can at least get out with other wish there were more shoulders for all very well to tell of the good that under cover, a command of three inpeople, and he is expected to be in- them to lean upon; more children Jane Adams and other old maids fantry companies and a company of dependent, anyway. But the girl- upon whom they can spend their al- have done-but it's a lonely old age cavalry, under Major Robert M. Mayo,

no matter how prosy they may want

spend a week end with you? It's be- than I have-a good home and them- Aviators and their employes who The girl who was visiting came out cause my parents would be lonescine selves to love me, and no responsi. Will be stationed on the field will be on the porch and dropped into a without me-at least, that is what bility of ailing children and an uncer- able to receive their mail almost as from home without mother in my life. body else, if I love them?-they say, large cities. It is probable that a speclaimed her hostess-a girl some I mean go alone anywhere. And, The tears, the reproaches and the up- cial postal station will be established alone, I feel now that I cannot, for ing my affections-as if I couldn't postmaster appointed by the depart-"It's the first morning in months it would break mother's heart to love another without lessening my ment. The first successful aeroplane that I've found my clothes and other think I would want to be separated love for them!

body ever knows where anything is, brothers and sisters, the variety of am not my own mistress. I am the sor castle. Four aviators were engage unless you just keep it under lock interests in a big family; the learn- 'only child.' They can't see in him ed in the work, and about 100,000 let-"it must be nice to have brothers the lives growing close around one ways be an outsider, even though we These experiments have been watched and sisters, though," rather wistfully in a family of children. I have grown all live together, as we would have with considerable interest by the Unit-

awful bother," goodnaturedly spoke "I've never been able to have that burden upon him. the visitor. "I don't think you ought friends of my own age, such as other "I am over sensitive, you say? city by airships is not far distant. to repine, though. You're an only girls have when they have brothers That's another heritage of an only child and you can do as you like. I and sisters. I have been 'guarded' child. We don't brush up against all always envied 'only' children for that from outside associations, and I've kinds of humanity enough, and so missed all the rolicking good times we grow abnormal.

the only child. Let me tell you, my ed around by a big brother, or to for it is an unusual thing for me to dear, the 'only child,' especially if cuddle a little sister. I don't know talk this way to anyone. But I have it's a girl, never does as she likes. | anything of the joys or the aches or been repressed so long-Don't think turned and for an hour or more worked "I have always envied the girls the loves of growing souls close to I don't love my parents, I do. But rapidly to form a breastwork. This

Oh, she must sit at home and be good fection. I am all they have, and they I'm looking inte."

won't allow anybody else to have AVIATORS ARE TO even a slice of me.

"I love them dearly; but that love isn't enough in my life. I need other people, and other interests than they have. They are contented with a Postal Department Will Permit Exhumdrum life, every day the same. They have outgrown ambitions and strong emotions and all the desires of youth. They have had their love and their life and I am the result with which they are satisfied. And I feel I must let them stay contented.

There is a man-But I cannot "Do you know why I never can see why I should wish anything more 23 to Oct. 1."

things, just where I put them. You from her for even one night, or ea- "Why didn't I marry him anyway? day by the British postal administraknow, when you've got as many joy anything in which she doesn't I couldn't. It's something I can't ex- tion, which began a series of experiplain. I couldn't break their old ments in the carrying of mails by aero-"I've missed the give and take of hearts. They own me in a way, I plane from Hendon, England to Winding of character as it leve-ops among a son-another child. He would all ters constituted the first delivery. remarked the other young woman. cold in my manner, because there is to do as they are dependent on me ed States postoffice authorities, who for so much. And I wouldn't put are of the opinion that the day when

"There! I have opened my heart even the best parent can't entirely they disguised with green boughs.

Reminiscences of the Civil War

among the first of the naval officers ing. ended the life of Commander duty was to keep open the Palomac who lost their lives in the civil war ing. ended the life of Commander duty was to keep open it which followed Abraham Lincoln's James H. Ward, one of the most learn- river to union navigation. which followed Abraham Lincoln's James H. Ward, one of the most learn-tiver to union havilation.

As the confederaces had a score of famous proclamation of emancipation of and also one of the most fearless strong points in Virginia on which stated Lieutenant J. C. Chaplin, in

shore of the Patomac, at Mathias even minor movements in war, Point, aimed his Sharps rifle at the | Commander Ward was the first navfigure of an officer standing beside a at officer killed in the war. He was

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the navy was killed June 27, 1861. The Subreshly of Stafford, King George Creek, May 31, had proven stubborn, Associated Literary Press copywright county, a volunteer in the Virginia but the batteries remained. ed story of the event printed on the Volunteers-ended the career of an STRATS ON FATAL ERRAND. 50th anniversary of the date, is as officer who had served his country more than 30 years brought home with youth lying behind a stump on the ton the occasional frightful cost of

conspicuous alike for the energy with which he had recently conducted ope " ations on the little Hotilla under his wider sense, for his scholarly service any cost to stop its erection. to the navy.

tion, and had given the weight of his

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The father of Edwin Ward, 1607 gun on the deck of the federal steumer of which he took command May 16. Fourteenth and a half street, was Freeborn lying in the stream, and fire with the rank of commander. The aboard the Freeborn, and they were in him aid.

of the negroes of the south. James officers in the United States navy. they might erect butteries commanding H. Ward, one of the most learned as The case with which this lad-the the river, his task was not an easy well as one of the bravest officers of Inteful shot, was credited to James one. His first engagement, at Acquin

On May 26, Commander Ward learn Fifty years ago today a Virginia a shock to the authorities at Washing- ed that the Confederates had a considerable force in camp near Mathias Point, which is about 40 miles in a permit him to report all the facts straight line below Washington, and that they had begun work on a battery in the woods on the comt.

> A battery here, where a wide curve in the river gave a long range, if equipcommand on the Potomac, and in a Putomac. An effort must be made at ped with proper guns would close the

> Not a moment was lost by Comman Entering the navy as a lad, he had der Ward in preparing for an expediserved in 1823 as a midshipman on the tion to Mathies Point. Cooperating Constitution, under the celebrated with his Rotilla was the stoom sloop Commodore McDonough. In later life of war, Pawnee, Commander S. C. he had writen several technical books Rowan. On this officer Commander on gunnery, tactics and steam naviga- Ward called for men and materials to he used in cuting down and burning influence in founding the naval acad the timber on the point in order that its value as a screen might be destroyed, as well as for building a sand bag battery there.

The list of materials asked for illustrates the atention given to the details of such an expedition. After asking for two boats, Commander Ward ngton at the beginning of the war he wrote: "You will further be pleased to send me in the boats all the tar you have on hoard the Pawnee, a gallon of spirits of turpentine in a can, all the shovels and all the coal bags you have, except 12 retained to handle coal with ; all the oakum yau have, not exceeding one bale in quantity; a quantity of old canvass, all you can possibly spare, and your gunner's dark lantern. Send also every age and hatchet you have, except the cook's."

The boats, with 23 men in them. were ordered to meet the steamer Freeborn, with Commander Ward on board, at Nanjemoy, on the Maryland Many a Rock Island Household Will

CONFEDERATES ALERT.

Mathias Point. steamer opened fire, shelling the brought about will prove comfortwoods for about 15 minutes. This ing words to hundreds of Rock Isfire was directed by Commander Ward. land readers. On its completion he placed himself | C. M. Fisher, 820 First avenue, in command of the boats and the land- Moline, Ill., says: "I can speak just

The wooded shore looked still and ed them in the spring of 1909. For peaceful as the union force jumped some time I was subject to attacks out and made preparations to fill their of kidney complaint and was unable canvass bags with sand for the erec- to find relief. Backache annoyed

tion of a battery,

cate the proximity of the enemy. Still it hard for me to stand. I had other skirmishers were thrown out, and be- symptoms of kidney complaint and fore many minutes they drew the fire on a neighbor's advice, I finally prothe woods, behind the brow of a hill.

Meanwhile a force of several hundred confederate infantry were hurry few weeks I was completely cured ing as fast as their legs wood bring and there has never been a recurthem to the point from a camp three rence of the trouble. I am now in miles inland, where Col. Daniel Rug- good health." gles of the confederate army com-

They had received an alarm before falo, N. Y., sole agents for the Unitnoon, and having determined the land ed States. ing place, got their troops there about Remember the name-Doan's-1 o'clock. Their approach being ob- and take no other.

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periments at Long Island-To Establish Route.

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they tell me. I have never been away tain husband. How can I love any quickly as if they were in one of the though I am old enough by far to go braidings I have received, for divid- at the aviation field and a temporary letter route was that opened last Saturletters will be forwarded from city to

> served by the union pickets, the men were ordered back to their boats while Commander Ward went back to the

This accomplished, the party ra-

HOT WORKS AT THE BOATS. The confederates were not deceived. til they reached a point on the edge of a meadow, where they commanded the position of the union men on the shore.

azard of having his men remain longr ashore with the enemy increasing his force, had ordered them to come the act of geting into boots when fire was opened at a range of about 250

command of the detail, in his report, "and stayed on the beach till I had drifted some distance out and rather than bring the men any nearer, I swam out to the third cutter and pulled to the Freeborn."

The lieutenant's modesty did not about his swim. Those lacking are to warrant of official praise: "Send to be found in the official report of Commander Rowan of the Pawnee, as follows: .

"Lieutenant Chaplin remained steady and cool amonst a perfect hall of musketry from hundreds of men, while he collected his own men and made his retreat. The last man left the shore with him, and not being able to swim to the boat with his musket Lieutenant Chaplin took him on his shoulders, musket and all, and safely reached the boat"-but not without a hole in his cap where a musket ball passed through.

Two of the men were wounded. One. John Killiams, captain of the top of the Pawnee, received a ball in the thigh. Before his hurt he had declared to his men that every one of them should die where he sat before anyone should be left behind.

The boat's flagstaff being shot away. he seized the stump and waived the flag, a shining mark, until the Freeborn was reached.

There the men in the boats hear! solemn news.

DEATH AND HONORS Commander Ward to cover the re-

treat had directed the Freeborn's fire on the point from which the fresh attack had come. The gunner at the steamer's heaviest piece being wound-

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ed, the commander took his place.

fell, but a boatswain's mate, Harry the gun. He then laid the wounded and strenuous steps will be taken to dents.

worked round through the woods un- der Ward's wound was mortal. There were no comforts on the steamer to ease his last moments. His wound Commander Ward, recognizing the was sustained he breathed his last bled internally and one hour after it with Acting Assistant Surgeon J. W. Moore standing beside him, but powerless with the means at hand to give

> With the body of its commander lying as it fell, all powder-grime and dust, the Freeborn started back up the river.

Next morning Washington had the news from Mathias Point and depression was manifest on every hand. counted them and found they were Still there was some comfort in the all safe. By this time the boats had bravery of the little band in the boats, as well as in the memory of Comman-

> John Williams was promoted by the secretary of the navy to the position of master's mate, with pay of \$40 a month, and this order was his further the department the flag defended by John Williams of the Pawnee at Mathias Point. Gideon Welles, secretary

of the navy." Lieutenant J. Crossan Chaplin was commended by the secretary in a personal letter.

Due naval honors were paid the body of Commander Ward. After solemn services at Washington it was sent to New York and there lay in state on board the ship-of-war North Carolina. After many testimonials of respect and affection it was conveyed to Hartford, Conn., his native place, where, after impressive funeral honors, according to the rites of the Catholic church, it was laid beside his par-

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